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3. (Four times amended) A consolidated material of coated powders in the form of a molded, three-dimensional article, said coated powders each comprising a base particle having thereon plural coating films having a uniform thickness of 0.01 to 5 μm per film in which at least any adjacent coating films are different in kind, wherein the coated powders are mutually adhered at the outermost coating film, the base particle comprises a glass, a metal, or a metal oxide, and the coating films are each a metal film or a metal oxide film, wherein the coated powders constituting the consolidated material are three-dimensionally arranged at the same distance from one another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.

Please add the following new claims 9-13:

9. (New) A magnetic material comprising magnetic material powders which have been subjected to heat treatment under pressure to consolidate the same, said magnetic material powders comprising particles each comprising a magnetic base particle having thereon a metal oxide film, wherein the magnetic material powders constituting the consolidated material are three-dimensionally arranged at the same distance from one another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.

10. (New) A capacitor comprising coated powders which have been subjected to heat treatment under pressure to consolidate the same, said coated powders each comprising a base particle having thereon plural coating films and forming a dielectric-material layer and a conductor layer on the surface of said base particles, wherein the coated powders constituting the consolidated material are three-dimensionally arranged at the same distance from one another in

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a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.

11. (New) A glass having optical anisotropy comprising coated powders which have been subjected to heat treatment under pressure to consolidate the same, said coated powders each comprising a base particle made of a semiconductor or a conductor having thereon a glass film, wherein the coated powders constituting the consolidated material are three-dimensionally arranged at the same distance from one another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.

12. (New) A filter reflecting light having a specific angle comprising coated powders which have been subjected to heat treatment under pressure to consolidate the same, said coated powders each comprising a base particle having thereon a clear multilayer metal oxide film, wherein the coated powders constituting the consolidated material are three-dimensionally arranged at the same distance from one another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.

13. (New) A polarizing filter transmitting light having a specific angle comprising coated powders which have been subjected to heat treatment under pressure to consolidate the same, said coated powders each comprising a base particle having thereon a clear multilayer metal oxide film, wherein the coated powders constituting the consolidated material are three-dimensionally arranged at the same distance from one another in a given direction and are united into said consolidated material while maintaining the same distance in a given direction.